

Inventors: Vinegar et al.
Appl. Ser. No.: 09/841,284
Atty. Dckt. No.: 5659-06000

Discussion

A. Pending Claims

Claims 2193-2199, 2201-2218, 2220-2238, 2241-2269, 5081-5087, 5089, 5090, 5150-5153, 5155-5192, 5194-5227 are currently pending. Claims 2200 and 2239 are cancelled.

B. Terminal Disclaimer

In the Office Action Mailed January 2, 2003, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 2200 and 2239 over claims 564 and 565 of co-pending application 09/841,430. Claims 2200 and 2239 have been cancelled.

The Examiner requested a terminal disclaimer over co-pending application 09/841,000. Applicant does not believe that a terminal disclaimer is needed for the present application and the above noted application, but in the interest of expediency, a terminal disclaimer for the applications is provided as an accompanying document.

C. Additional Comments

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Fee Authorization is enclosed to cover the cost of the accompanying terminal disclaimer and a one-month Extension of Time. The requested Extension of Time gives Applicant until May 2, 2003 (based on the mailing date of the final Office Action) to respond to the Advisory Action that was mailed on April 14, 2003. If an additional extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Shell Oil Co. Deposit Account Number 19-1800/TH1985.

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